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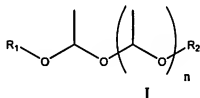Response Filed: October 3, 2008

## II.    AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claim 1.    (Currently amended) An acetaldehyde precursor comprising formula I



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wherein $R_1$ and $R_2$ are selected such that both are $-CH_2CH_3$, or both are linear, branched or cyclic alkyl, aryl, alcohol or sugar residues, and n=[[1]]3-10, with the proviso that, when $R_1$ and $R_2$ are selected such that both are $-CH_2CH_3$, n=[[1, 2,]] 3 or 4.

Claim 2.    (Currently amended) An acetaldehyde precursor according to claim 1 wherein n is ~~1, 2 or~~ 3 and $R_1$ and $R_2$ are both $-CH_2CH_3$.

Claim 3.    (Original) An acetaldehyde precursor according to claim 1 wherein n is 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, or 10 and the linear, branched or cyclic alkyl, aryl, alcohol or sugar residues are water-soluble.

Claim 4.    (Previously presented) A method comprising utilizing an acetaldehyde precursor according to claim 1 as a flavoring or fragrance agent.

Claim 5.    (Previously presented) A method of preparing a flavoring or fragrance formulation comprising utilizing an acetaldehyde precursor according to claim 1 as a component of the flavoring or fragrance formulation.

Claim 6.    (Previously presented) A flavor or a fragrance formulation comprising an

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acetaldehyde precursor according to claim 1.

Claim 7.     (Previously presented) A consumable product comprising an acetaldehyde precursor according to claim 1.

Claim 8.     (Currently amended) The flavor or fragrance composition according to claim 6 wherein the acetaldehyde precursor is one in which $n=1, n=2$ or $n=3$, and $R_1$ and $R_2$ both $-CH_2CH_3$.

Claim 9.     (Currently amended) The consumable product according to claim 7 wherein the acetaldehyde precursor is one in which $n=1, n=2$ or $n=3$, and $R_1$ and $R_2$ both $-CH_2CH_3$.

Claim 10.    (Previously presented) A method comprising utilizing an acetaldehyde precursor according to claim 2 as a flavoring or fragrance agent.

Claim 11.    (Previously presented) A method of preparing a flavoring or fragrance formulation comprising utilizing an acetaldehyde precursor according to claim 2 as a component of the flavoring or fragrance formulation.

Claim 12.    (Previously presented) A flavor or a fragrance formulation comprising an acetaldehyde precursor according to claim 2.

Claim 13.    (Currently amended) The flavor or fragrance composition according to claim 12 wherein the acetaldehyde precursor is one in which $n=1, n=2$ or $n=3$, and $R_1$ and $R_2$ both $-CH_2CH_3$.

Claim 14.    (Previously presented) A consumable product comprising an acetaldehyde precursor according to claim 2.

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Claim 15.    (Currently amended) The consumable product according to claim 14 wherein the acetaldehyde precursor is one in which n=~~1, n=2 or~~ n=3, and $R_1$ and $R_2$ both $-CH_2CH_3$.

Claim 16.    (Previously presented) A method comprising utilizing an acetaldehyde precursor according to claim 3 as a flavoring or fragrance agent.

Claim 17.    (Previously presented) A method of preparing a flavoring or fragrance formulation comprising utilizing an acetaldehyde precursor according to claim 3 as a component of the flavoring or fragrance formulation.

Claim 18.    (Previously presented) A flavor or a fragrance formulation comprising an acetaldehyde precursor according to claim 3.

Claim 19.    (Currently amended) The flavor or fragrance composition according to claim 18 wherein the acetaldehyde precursor is one in which n=~~1, n=2 or~~ n=3, and $R_1$ and $R_2$ both $-CH_2CH_3$.

Claim 20.    (Previously presented) A consumable product comprising an acetaldehyde precursor according to claim 3.

Claim 21.    (Currently amended) The consumable product according to claim 20 wherein the acetaldehyde precursor is one in which n=~~1, n=2 or~~ n=3, and $R_1$ and $R_2$ both $-CH_2CH_3$.